

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The red, white and blue equine, "Pinkeye", residing near Peever, South Dakota, is a member of the David Behrns family and the personal student, teacher, and companion of Michelle Behrns, age six; and,

WHEREAS, Pinkeye is the only known direct descendant of the original pony that carried Yankee Doodle to town; and,

WHEREAS, Pinkeye has donated countless hours of community service, exhibiting an extraordinary amount of natural charm, grace, and fondness for children, while attending Centennial gatherings throughout her area, spreading cheer and patriotism to young and old alike; and,

WHEREAS, Pinkeye has served as good-will ambassador to our sister state, bringing birthday greetings and cheerfully and carefully giving hundreds of free rides to small children; and,

WHEREAS, Pinkeye has personally been responsible for creating new smiles in small communities where they've been desperately needed; and,

WHEREAS, Pinkeye has proudly carried her colors and little Uncle Sam (played by Michelle's brother Clint Behrns) in tribute to our flag, our pride, our imagination and our humor:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim "Pinkeye" as

SOUTH DAKOTA'S OWN "YANKEE DOODLE PONY"



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Hazeltime
JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE